

SOUTH AFRICAN SPORT ANGLERS AND CASTING CONFEDERATION



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Dear All,

REPORT ON THE 13TH FIPS-ED WORLD CARP ANGLING CHAMPIONSHIPS, ITALY

1. The 13th FIPS-ed World Carp Angling Championships took place from 29 August 2011 till 1 September 2011 at the Bacino di Pietrafitta in Italy. Twenty Three countries participated in this event. .
2. Our National Protea Carp Fishing Team has once again proved that their equal in World Carp Angling do not exist when they for the fourth consecutive year won the World Championships.



3. After the first 24 hours of the 72-hour uninterrupted competition our Protea Team was still in 9th place. They gradually improved and after 48 hours they were in the second place with England first. In the last 24 hours there were a strong rivalry between South Africa and England with South Africa the ultimate winner.

4. Keeping a winning combination, previous practices at a great expense at the championship venue in the months prior to the world championships venue, the ability of all team members to on average cast more than 160 meters, a very well worked out and tried and tested Game Plan, the best Coaching Team in the world, and a very capable support team are some of the contributing factors making our National Protea Carp Angling Team such a wonderful competitive Team. With the fourth in a row win a new world record was set up making our Protea Team the holders of 9 world records.

5. To our knowledge this is the first time in the history of competitive sport in South Africa that a National Protea Team is able to win four times in succession and by so doing retaining their world title.

6. The World Championships is 72 hour uninterrupted competition. The championship is conducted in three competition zones (A, B and C) with each country having one pair of anglers in each of the zones. The angling area where a team participates is determined by a draw of pegs with a grid attached to the peg that has been drawn. In this particular competition each zone was located in a three different lakes adjacent to each other.

7. In terms of the negative points scoring system, the angling pair with the highest accumulated bag weight in each of the zones over the 72-hours competition period, is the zone winner and receive 1 competition point. The team finishing second receive 2 points, third 3 points, etc. Only the carp fish species with a minimum weight of 1.5 kg qualifies for weigh-in. The accumulated zone points of the three zones determine the championships winner. The team with the lowest aggregate points (penalty points) are declared the winner.

8. The statistics with regard to the Team Event (first 3 positions) were as follows:

Position	Team	Total Points	Total Weight	Zone Points	Fish	Medal
1	South Africa	11	185.480	1-5-5	55	Gold
2	England	13	177.620	2-5-6	61	Silver
3	Latvia	13	58.400	3-4-6	42	Bronze



9. In the individual pairs competition Loutjie Louwies and Gilbert Foxcroft finished third winning the bronze medal. They also achieved this distinction in 2010.
10. We applaud our Protea Team for their magnificent achievements over the past four years.
11. Kind regards

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Florence, Italy